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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMERICAN TO NORTH KOREA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO APPROVE TRAVEL OF HERBERT TOBIAS, JR., TO NORTH KOREA AS COACH OF SOMALI BASKETBALL TEAM WHICH WILL ALSO BE COMPETING IN PRC. TOBIAS IS PRIVATE CITIZEN FUNDED BY OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRIA VIA CU GRANT, AND HAS BEEN IN COUNTRY ONE YEAR. TOBIAS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN DIFFICULT, XENOPHOBIC ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE INCLINED TO APPROVE SINCE HIS ABSENCE WOULD SEVERELY HANDICAP SOMALI TEAM AND BE HIGHLY RESENTED TO DETRIMENT U.S.-SOMALI RELATIONS. HOWEVER, RECOGNIZING EXTREME SENSITIVITY ROK HAS EXHIBITED ON VISA MATTERS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS BEFORE MAKING DECISION. TEAM PLANS TO DEPART JULY 13. SISCO

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